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Miss Effa Manley
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Dear Miss Manley:

You have, no doubt, been puzzled at so long a silence since our last conversation concerning proposals in connection with organized Negro baseball, but a few days after our conversation two matters arose which made it doubtful whether I can have time to do the job you contemplate. Indeed, it is only this month that I have been able to get a satisfactory picture of the demands which will be made upon my time. Now I am sure that activities to which I am committed, including Chairmanship of the National Legal Committee of the N.A.A.C.P., will prevent me from devoting adequate time to the large and important job of co-ordination and direction which Negro baseball requires.

If it were just a case of hearing club disputes or player disputes and making rulings on particular controversies, I would probably handle the work. But I know that in your mind there is a larger job of guidance, direction and publicity which will take more time than I am going to have in the months ahead. I would be unwilling to go into such an undertaking unless I were confident that I would have time to do the work thoroughly.

I shall probably be in New York at sometime during February, and will look forward to seeing you and discussing the matter more fully with you, or Mr. Manley or both of you at that time.

With cordial personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

William H. Hastie
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